

IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please amend the “Cross-Reference to Related Applications” section on page 1 of the application as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present invention is related to that disclosed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/713,643 [~~ATTY DOCKET NO. P04762~~], entitled “MULTITASKING MICROCONTROLLER FOR CONTROLLING THE PHYSICAL LAYER OF A NETWORK INTERFACE CARD AND METHOD OF OPERATION” and filed concurrently herewith. The above application is commonly assigned to the assignee of the present invention. The disclosure of this related patent application is hereby incorporated by reference into the present disclosure as if fully set forth herein.

2. Please amend the paragraph starting on page 12, line 1 as follows:

Keyboard 105 and mouse 108 are coupled to PC 100 via input/output (I/O) interface (IF) 110. Monitor 104 is coupled to PC 100 via video/audio interface (IF) 112. The internal components of PC 100, including floppy disk drive 102, hard disk drive 103, processor 106, main memory 107, I/O interface 110 and video/audio interface 112, are coupled to and communicate across communication bus 115. Communication bus 115 may represent one or more buses in PC 100, including a Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI) bus. Removable disk drive 102 is capable of reading and writing to removable floppy diskettes. Hard disk drive ~~105~~ 103 provides fast access for storage and retrieval of application programs and data.